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For : **APPARATUS TO BETTER DISTRIBUTE
AN INSECT REPELLANT OR FRAGRANCE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
(OVERVIEW)

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Sir:

Kindly amend dependent claims 5, 9, 10, 18 and 19, as shown in the attached set of nineteen claims.

Please cancel claim 8, as initially presented, and replace same with new claim 20.

By virtue of these revisions, claims 1-7, and 9-20 are presented for consideration on their merits.

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1. (Previously Presented) An apparatus having an enclosure adapted to contain a mosquito coil/candle/vaporising device, an inlet to allow air to pass into the enclosure, an outlet to allow air to pass out of the enclosure, and a fan to pass the air from the inlet and through the outlet, the air at least partially entraining smoke/gas/vapours emitted from the device.

2. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, comprising a flexible hose operatively associated with the outlet, the flexible hose containing at least one opening.

3. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the hose has a multiplicity of perforations.

4. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enclosure is provided with a door.

5. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the inlet comprises at least one opening in the door.

6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising a shroud extending about the fan.

7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, comprising a second enclosure which is separate from the enclosure, the second enclosure containing the fan.

8. Cancelled.

9. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8 20, wherein the partition comprises a dividing wall.

10. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 8 20, wherein the outlet of the fan enclosure comprises a tapering enclosed portion which tapers towards an outlet in a wall of the apparatus.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the fan has an intake area and an outlet area, the intake area being adjacent the inlet to prevent smoke laden air from passing through the fan.

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a wall of the apparatus is provided with a power socket to allow an electrical power supply to power the fan.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enclosure is provided with a power socket to allow a plug into the power socket.

14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a mosquito coil is placed in the enclosure.

15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a mosquito candle is placed in the enclosure.

16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a deodorising agent is placed in the enclosure.

17. (Previously Presented) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a fragrance emitting agent is placed in the enclosure.

18. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein the outlet is associated with a venturi.

19. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~8~~ 18, ~~wherein~~ wherein the fan is in a housing, the housing having an outlet, the outlet passing pressurised air into one end of ~~the~~ said venturi.

20. (New) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the second enclosure is separated from the enclosure by a partition, the partition containing an opening, the opening comprising an inlet to the second enclosure.